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ARIZONA LEGISLATURE

Report of Special Committee on Northern Normal—They Recommend Heating Plant and Dormitory.

The legislature is getting down to business and there is no friction in either house. Longer sessions are being held and the members expect to push the business from now on to the end of the session.

The special house committee appointed to visit the Northern Normal school tendered their report, which was adopted and the committee discharged. They recommended that a steam heating plant be added, and that a new dormitory was needed. They also reported that they found the board of education and the faculty conducting the affairs of the institution in an economical and business like manner.

Mr. Henry's bill reducing railroad fare to four cents a mile passed the house.

Mr. Page, introduced in the house a bill providing the levy of a territorial tax of 3 cents on \$100 valuation for construction of buildings and the maintenance of the Flagstaff normal.

In the council by Mr. Ashurst—Relating to the granting of franchises by city corporations and providing for a percentage of the net earnings to be paid into the city treasury, limiting the length of the charter to twenty-five years, and providing that the city council shall have the power to regulate charges.

The display of petty politics at Tucson in regard to the holding of the coroner's inquests will never be repeated if the bill which was introduced by Corbett becomes a law. In introducing the measure yesterday Mr. Corbett spoke of the disgraceful affair and wanted it understood that the occurrence was as distasteful to the residence of that city as it was to any citizen of the territory. The bill provides for the appointment of the probate judge as coroner in all cities having two justices of the peace, and also allows him to appoint a deputy.

The case of Miss Sarah Dugan was brought to the notice of the house by Mr. St. Charles. Miss Dugan is a legislative clerk but she has not answered the roll call for more than a week. She is detained by circumstances over which she has no control. She is in quarantine. Mr. St. Charles moved the adoption of a resolution that the chief clerk's minutes be made to show that she is present at roll calls and has always been so. Miss Dugan is a very worthy young lady and this pleasant little fiction was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Roemer of Cochise county has introduced a bill in the lower house that should by all means pass. The bill changes the name of the Reform School, located at Benson, to the Territorial Industrial School. Mr. Roemer has received information from the various counties of the territory that no less than 160 boys have been in jail or have been fined during the last year, thus lying themselves liable to a sentence to the reform school. This indicates that the reform school will have excellent patronage, and Mr. Roemer wants to surround the institution with as strong moral suasion as

possible. His bill removes the stigma of being a jail-bird, and if the inmates have any desire to adopt a clean and honorable life they can go into the world and hold up their heads. The intention and effect of the bill are good and the name of the school ought to be changed.

ARIZONA TOPOGRAPHY

The United States Geological Survey is Preparing a New Map of an Interesting Region, Prescott and Jerome, Ariz.

Continuing its work on the Prescott Forest Reserve, in Arizona, the United States Geological Survey is at present extending its surveys northward, under F. E. Matthes, typographer, over an additional area of 1,000 square miles, the results of which will be published as a map of the "Jerome quadrangle." It will include the city of Prescott, Lonesome Valley, the entire extent of the Black Hills, and the mining center of Jerome. The Verde River will also appear, from Del Rio to Cottonwood. Every individual dwelling, church, school house, mill, etc., in the district will be accurately located on the new map, as well as all mines, and even the most important prospects, each with its respective name. The roads and trails will stand out conspicuously, being engraved in black, while the water courses will be shown in light blue (the intermittent ones dotted), and the topography, or relief of the features of the land, in brown. The latter is delineated by a system of so-called contour lines. Each contour as it follows the sides of the hills or valleys, remains at a constant elevation, and each is 100 feet higher than that next below. In this manner the form of the hills, their spurs and ravines, are graphically represented, while the steepness of the slopes can be readily estimated from the density or closeness of the contour lines. Thus the rugged Black Hills, with their steep-sided mesas and their tortuous, narrow canyons, will make a striking contrast with the flat and featureless expanse of Lonesome Valley. Incidentally the contours serve to bring out with remarkable clearness the manner in which Lonesome Valley, like other typical desert valleys of the southwest, has been filled by extensive deposits of loose debris washed down from the surrounding mountains and radiating fanwise from the mouth of every canyon and gulch. The areas sectionized by the General Land Office are also shown, so that townships and sections can be readily located.

Orpheus Entertainers.

"I take pleasure in recommending Miss Miriam Eskridge as a very entertaining and impressive reader and character delineator. I have heard her on several occasions and have been delighted with the ease, versatility and naturalness of her delivery. Her audiences are always captivated. I wish especially to recommend her for the spirit of purely and chase sentiment that characterize her readings."—A. L. Lowther, Supt. Schools, Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Eskridge will appear with the Orpheus Entertainers in Emerson school hall, on Monday February 16. Tickets at usual places.

DOUBLE MURDER

Charles E. Goddard and Frank Cocks Killed at Goddard's Station by a Mexican on Sunday Morning.

Sheriff Cook and Sheriff Roberts of Prescott returned to the city last night about 11 o'clock bringing the first complete story of the terrible tragedy at Goddard's station Sunday evening.

The Mexican who did the killing and his companion reached Goddard's place about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and got lunch. In the evening they went into the house and demanded supper. Mr. Goddard and his wife and Mr. Goddard's brother, who lately came to the country, were seated at the table together with Frank Cocks and Milton Turnbull, an invalid miner. When they demanded supper Mr. Goddard told them they would have to wait till after the family had finished eating. One of the Mexicans then ran his hand in his pocket as though he was searching for money to pay for his meal in advance, and no special attention was paid to his movements. Instead he drew out a revolver and fired at Mr. Goddard, hitting him just below the heart. The second shot hit Frank Cocks, whose name was first reported to be Cox, in the temple, killing him instantly. About this time the light was blown out and the others in the room had dodged beneath the table or other places of safety. The Mexicans then departed, not really knowing if they had killed anybody or if so how many of the party. It was evidently their purpose to kill all of them and rob the place, but in the confusion and uncertainty they withdrew without attempting robbery.

The robbery theory is borne out by the fact that they were seen hovering around the house for an hour or so, and the occupants did not know but they were there all night so feared to leave the place to give an alarm or secure help. Mrs. Goddard went out doors once and tried to call assistance from a campfire some distance away and saw one of the murderers crouching in the gloom. She ran back fearing a bullet would be aimed at her.

The wounded Mr. Goddard managed to drag himself to a couch in an adjoining room and lived till morning. During the night he told his wife to remember that the man who shot him was a Mexican with a scar on his face.

Those in the house did not dare to light the lamp all night long, fearing to only make of themselves better targets for the outlaws believed to be outside, and it was equally as dangerous for either of the men to venture without in search of vengeance even though there were some arms and ammunition in the house.

When daylight came they learned for the first time for sure that Mr. Cocks had been instantly killed, his body having fallen forward across the table.

In the morning A. H. Beasley, having learned of the situation, carried the news to the Alkire ranch and Gibson's station. At the former place Jack Gibson, Frank Moss, Jim Gibson, Perry Sears and Houston Ward, with Henry Owens, a colored cook, were camped, being engaged in rounding up some horses on the Gibson range. This party all came in yester-

day afternoon. Henry Owens says that about daylight he saw two Mexicans answering the description and wearing duck coats and blue overalls pass within sixty yards of where he was sleeping.

The Mexicans came on down as far as Gibson's lower station, where they secured a supply of canned goods, and took to the hills again before the news was received there. The two sheriffs, who were joined by Perry Sears at Gibson's, where the round-up party camped Monday night, coming back from Goddard's, took the trail of the two Mexicans and followed it to the sheep camp of John Mundersbach. There they learned that two Mexicans about midnight Monday aroused his Mexican shepherd and secured a cup of coffee and lunch and immediately set out again. The posse followed the trail from that point clear to the bridge over the Arizona canal, so the sheriffs are positive the murderers came into Phoenix yesterday morning some time, either before or after daylight. One lad who was met on the road yesterday by one of the range party coming in said he had seen two Mexicans fitting the description in the vicinity of Five Points Tuesday morning.

As soon as Mrs. Cocks heard the news of the murder of her husband she began arranging for bringing in the body and others performed a similar service for Mrs. Goddard. Wagons left yesterday for that purpose, and it is likely both bodies will reach here some time this morning.—Phoenix Republican.

Mr. Goddard was for several years a resident of Flagstaff and was well known here.

Board of Supervisors.

The board of supervisors held a two days sessions this week, and the following is the important business transacted by the board:

John H. Lind was reappointed assessor for the next four years, and the appointment meets with the approval of the taxpayers of the county.

The Flagstaff Gem was awarded the contract for printing the delinquent tax list for 1902 at fifty cents per inch each insertion.

A. T. Cornish was authorized to represent the board of supervisors of Coconino county at the meeting of the supervisors of the Territory to be held in Phoenix, on February 9th.

The following claims against the county were approved and allowed:

Babbitt Bros., supplies.....	\$246 69
H. H. McNeil Co., stationery..	8 10
F. C. Reid, order J. J. Fisher, bounty.....	2 00
D. J. Brannen, medical attend. and medicine.....	123 70
J. P. Foremaster, order of Otto Foremaster, bounty.....	4 00
J. W. Power, wood.....	9 25
F. Rodriguez, labor district attorney's office.....	56 25
Jos. B. Backman, labor district attorney's office.....	30 00
John Chisholm, fixing culvert..	5 00
W. J. Hunt, rebate taxes for 1898.....	10 05
Perkins & Grover, rebate taxes 1901-2.....	27 58
J. A. Johnson, sheriff meals for prisoners.....	221 20
The tax valuation of the property of F. J. Hochderffer reduced to \$720.	